GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Intolerance Cases
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is facing severe threats to National Integration;
(b) if so, the details thereof including the major threats being faced;

(c) whether the recently emerging intolerance is the result of growing communalism in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of such incidents during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a) to (e): The prevailing situation in the country does not indicate existence of alleged intolerance in the country. As per the available information, the State-wise details of communal incidents during the years 2013, 2014, 2015 and upto January, 2016 are enclosed at Annexure.

(f): "Public Order" and "Police" are State subjects as per the provisions of the Constitution of India. The responsibility of dealing with communal violence, registration, investigation/inquiry and prosecution of crimes rests primarily with the respective State Governments. However, to
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maintain communal harmony in the country, the Central Government assists the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations in a variety of ways like sharing of information, sending alert messages, sending advisories, sending Central Armed Police Forces including the composite Rapid Action Force created specially to deal with communal situations, to the concerned State Governments on specific requests and in the modernisation of the State Police Forces. The Central Government has circulated revised Guidelines to promote communal harmony to the States and Union Territories in 2008.
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